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TO : Chief, Economic Services Division, O/RR 14 February 1951
FROM : Chief, Reports Division, O/RR
SUBJECT: O/PC Request for Study of European Railroad System

1. This memorandum summarizes for the information of those concerned the present status of this project.

2. At a meeting on 12 February, attended by representatives of O/PC and O/RR (D/S, D/G, D/R), the following points were agreed upon:

(a) The geographic area to be covered includes Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, and the area from Moscow to the western boundary of the USSR. In other words, the area east of the Iron Curtain is of primary interest, with the northern portion relatively more important than the southern or Balkan portion.

(b) Other areas of Europe will be of interest to O/PC later but they are not included in this project.

(c) O/PC desires a description of the physical layout of the railroads in the area noted above with details of bridges, tunnels, etc. It should include facilities physically connected with the roads such as fueling depots, repair yards, etc. Maps will be an essential part of the project.

(d) The relative vulnerabilities of the roads or specific parts of them should be pointed out in terms of the degree of disruption of traffic, the alternate lines available, and the probable effects on the movement of war materials, food-stuffs, etc.

(e) It is not expected that O/RR set up priorities for targets except as such priorities may be indicated by the relative vulnerabilities noted above.

(f) A tentative deadline of six months was suggested by O/PC for completion of the project.

3. It was agreed that, as a preliminary step, an informal check should be made of other agencies to ascertain what has already been done on this subject. It was suggested that the check might include all of Europe in order to identify work completed in other areas for future reference. Any maps or graphics prepared or in preparation should be checked.

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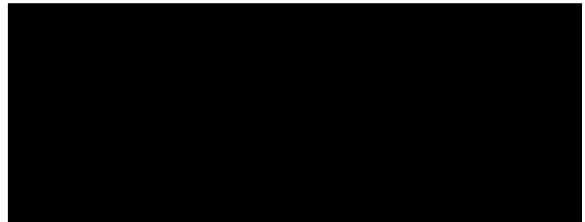
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4. Upon completion of the exploratory phase, a meeting will be held to consider what remains to be done by O/RR.

5. The Assistant Director, O/RR, has approved carrying the project as far as indicated above and the Economic Services Division is undertaking the search for studies on the subject in other agencies.

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